

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Susana CURATOLO | Conf. No.: | 3621 |
| Serial No.: | 10/751,946 | Art Unit: | 3742 |
| Filed: | January 7, 2004 | Examiner: | Mark H. PASCHALL |
| For: | MELTING AND VAPORIZATION APPARATUS AND METHOD | | |

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the official Final Office Action dated February 24, 2006 and Advisory Action dated May 3, 2006, Applicant has amended the claims as shown on the attached.

Claims 1, 2, 6-18, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103 as unpatentable over Miyazaki in view of Piper. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The allowance of claims 3-5, 19 and 20 is acknowledged.

All the rejected independent claims have been cancelled and will be part of a continuation application and all dependant claims are not dependant from allowed independent claims.

Upon review of the pending claims, it will be evident that they are allowable over the art and thus should pass this case to issue is thankfully solicited.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (32492/41888).

Respectfully submitted,

~~BARNES & THORNBURG LLP~~

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